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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR MOULDING AND CURING)
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("Statement") is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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"prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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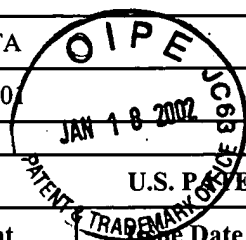
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Abstract from esp@cenet database - EP 0,242,840 (corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,895,692).
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